

New Jet Fighter Claimed Capable Of 1400 MPH With Atom Guns

Palmdale, Calif. (U.P.)—The Air Force today unwrapped a spectacular new demon of the air, a jet fighter that can fly up to 1400 miles an hour and carry atomic weapons.

The scrappy little F104 Starfighter was revealed at its first public demonstration as the first combat plane in history built to fly twice the speed of sound and faster.

"No country in the world can match the F104 at this time," Gen. O. P. Weyland, tactical air commander, told more than 150 newsmen who watched an awesome exhibition of future air combat tactics at this desert test center.

Now in "large quantity" production by Lockheed Aircraft Corp., and scheduled for service "in the near future," the Starfighter was seen as giving the United States a commanding lead in the global airpower struggle.

Can Beat Sun
The stubby-winged "world's fastest" combat plane is so fast it could leave New York at noon (EST) and arrive on the West coast at about 11 a.m. (PST), thus beating the sun by an hour. The manufacturer calls it "an aeronautical bolt of lightning."

The F104 has little family resemblance to today's "pokey" 600 to 800 mile an hour fighters. It is a tube of gleaming metal wrapped around a powerful new jet engine with hardly more than a suggestion of wings and a snug cockpit far out on its pointed nose. Bulging on either side are big scoops for the enormous quantities of air needed by the General Electric J79 jet engine which a Lockheed official said develops 60,000 horsepower.

World's Best Fighter
The straight wing, slanting down and tapered toward square ends, is two thirds of the way back on the fuselage toward a T-shaped tail and is so sharp that felt covering is used to protect ground crewmen.

Exact performance figures are Air Force secrets, but good estimates became available at the demonstration and Weyland's statement made clear that Russia has no comparable fighter, and the Starfighter could put to sleep the 1132 mph world record recently set by a British research airplane.

Weighing only about 13,000 pounds, less than half the weight of most modern fighters, the F104 was built for a top speed of 1320 to 1400 mph. It can soar above 50,000 feet and pounce on the most advanced jet bombers. It climbs at a phenomenal rate of something like 40,000 feet in one minute.

Unveiled as a Senate committee studies relative Russian and American air progress, the Starfighter is designed to knock off invading bombers and tangle with fighters over battle areas as the Sabrejet did in eight-mile high combat with Russian MIGs in Korea.



DESIGNED FOR ARCTIC, this is U. S. Army's new Sno Train now in service in far north areas. All wheels of cargo-hauling vehicle are driven by individual electric motors. Each unit shown carries approximately 12-ton load. (International Soundphoto)

Tourist Promotion Described at Noon Roundtable Meet

Mrs. Jim (Bertha) Pree, chairman of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce tourist and convention committee Monday noon described the tourist promotion program under way here at the Chamber Roundtable luncheon.

She outlined the committee's current project of determining methods of attracting and retaining tourists.

Travel Shows
Among promotion mediums she listed the nationwide travel shows conducted by the Pacific Northwest Travel association; cooperation with other Chambers in southern Oregon in developing tourist attraction programs, highway signs; literature distribution; publicizing area events; promoting group tours in the area and encouraging free-lance writers to consider southern Oregon subjects.

Mrs. Pree said plans are underway to place tourist information packets in as many motels and service stations as possible. Included in these packets will be points of interest maps, a separate folder on Jacksonville and a directory of places to eat and sleep.

The speaker stressed the committee's efforts to coordinate the tourist promotion program with local merchants.

She displayed a printed "tourist dollar" recently circulated in Seattle giving percentages on money tourists spend. It stated that 24.6 per cent of the tourist dollar is spent on lodging; 27.4 per cent on food; 3.0 per cent on miscellaneous; 4.1 per cent on beverages; 16.7 per cent on stores and shops; 7.3 per cent on recreation such as sports and theaters; 7.3 per cent on side trips and local transportation; 8.0 per cent on gas, oil and auto expense, and 4.5 per cent on refreshments.

Maritime Unions Opposed To Umpire

San Francisco (U.P.)—AFL maritime unions on the West Coast are opposed to the idea of an umpire for settling maritime disputes.

They also are opposed to establishment of common termination dates for maritime contracts.

Harry Lundberg, president of the Seafarers International Union of North America, made known the unions' position yesterday in a letter to Maritime Administrator Clarence G. Morse.

Last month Morse wrote labor and employer representatives inviting them to conferences on those subjects.

Portland Labor Council Refuses Endorsement

Portland (U.P.)—The Portland Central Labor Council last night, by a vote of 70 to 62, followed the lead of Teamsters, unionists and refused to endorse a member of the Portland city council for reelection.

The council, instead, endorsed John J. O'Donnell, the opponent of Commissioner Stanley W. Earl, after a member of the Teamsters union charged that Earl had called the teamsters "racketeers dictated to from the top."

Dikes To Be Raised To Protect Vancouver

Vancouver, Wash. (U.P.)—Some \$45,000 will be expended by the federal government to raise dikes to provide flood protection for the Fruit Valley home area here, it was announced yesterday.

The proposed added protection is aimed at raising the dikes to protect against a flood level equal to that of 1948 when the area was completely swallowed up by the overflowing waters.



WINNING NATIONAL CONTEST, Sandra Walton (left), 17, San Rafael, Cal., is named All American Homemaker of Tomorrow. She gets \$5,000 scholarship. Deloris Arnette, Enterprise, Ala., last year's winner, congratulates Sandra in Philadelphia. (International Soundphoto)

County Court Will Attend GP Meeting

Members of the Jackson county court will attend the morning session of the Association of Oregon Counties meeting Friday in Grants Pass. It is one in a series of spring meetings throughout the state.

Also attending the Grants Pass session will be county court representatives of Coos, Curry, Douglas, Josephine and Jackson counties. A member of the interim committee on local government and representatives of the state highway commission and bureau of public roads are also expected to be present.

First meetings of the association were held in La Grande Monday and at Condon today. Other sessions are scheduled for Lakeview Thursday, Newport April 25, and Tillamook April 26.

Jackson county court members will return to Medford Friday afternoon in time for the courthouse closure hearing scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m.

Stage and Film Star Undergoes Surgery

Hollywood (U.P.)—Stage and film star Yul Brynner remained in "good condition" today at Cedars of Lebanon hospital where he underwent an emergency appendectomy Sunday.

Brynner, the Siam monarch in the musical comedy, "The King and I," was ordered to the hospital Saturday after suffering severe pains in his side. His physician said Brynner would have to recuperate for about three weeks before going to England to star in "Anastasia" with Ingrid Bergman.

Magsaysay Loan Questioned in House

Manila, P.I. (U.P.)—A bipartisan group in the House of Representatives today questioned a \$65,000,000 loan obtained by the Magsaysay administration recently from the U.S. Export-Import Bank.

The group demanded to know why the loan was negotiated "when the Philippines has outstanding claims of nearly \$1,000,000,000 against the United States as documented by a 1955 Philippine economic commission."

Ike's Wisconsin Lead Over Kefauver 107,424

Madison, Wis. (U.P.)—President Eisenhower out-poled Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) by nearly 107,000 votes in the April 3 Wisconsin presidential primary, official figures showed today.

The tally gave Mr. Eisenhower 437,089 votes to Kefauver's 330,665. Kefauver was unopposed in the Democratic primary. Ashland newspaper Editor John Chapple, who ran against Mr. Eisenhower in the GOP race, got 18,743 votes.

South Korean Fishing Fleet Protected by ROK

Seoul, Korea (U.P.)—Republic of Korea navy vessels are protecting a large South Korean fishing fleet operating off the North Korean coast to prevent possible Red bombardment, the chief of ROK naval operations disclosed today.

Vice Adm. Chung Keung Mo said the protection was aimed at discouraging a repeat of an incident May 10, 1955, in which the Communists shelled ROK fishing boats, killing six fishermen.

Labor Union Monopoly Investigation Urged

Washington (U.P.)—The National Association of Manufacturers said last night that "the time is long overdue" for Congress to investigate the extent of monopolistic practices by labor unions.

In a report analyzing the AFL-CIO merger, the NAM said the merger will make it possible for unions to have "centralized control over collective bargaining... to a far greater degree than in the past."



THE OPPOSITION ARRIVED EARLIER—Senator Estes Kefauver takes time out from his campaigns in Tampa, Fla., to enjoy some fried fish at an outdoor rally sponsored by the Allied War Veterans. Adlai Stevenson, also campaigning in the area, sampled some of the fish a few minutes earlier. Both of the Democratic presidential aspirants are winding up their Florida primary campaigns.

Portland Air Base Evacuation Discussed

Portland (U.P.)—Military authorities at the Portland air base said today that all planes, equipment and personnel may be evacuated from the base if the Columbia river reaches 28 feet this spring.

Col. George F. Ceuleers, base commander, said the 25 foot mark has been tentatively set as the time that an alert will be passed at the base for all units to prepare to evacuate.

Elmer Fisher, river forecaster for the weather bureau here, said that although the flood picture has shown some improvement "it is too early to consider revising the forecast of a 25.5 to 28.5-foot crest."

Herbert Hoover Warns On Marxian Danger

Dallas, Tex. (U.P.)—Former President Herbert Hoover warned the Western hemisphere last night that legalistic socialists, not Communists, pose the greatest Marxian danger to American democracies.

In an address before the Inter-American Bar association convention, Mr. Hoover charged that Socialists already have delivered eight European nations to Moscow while protesting "their dislike for the Communists." He said they are hard at work on a similar betrayal here.

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